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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION

REFS: A) STATE 83824; B) USNATO 4253

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN RESPONSE TO
THE MAY 2 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY RICHARD BURT, PREPARED
FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT TODAY'S PRESS
BRIEFING. BEGIN TEXT:

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2. QUESTION: IS IT TRUE, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, THAT
SECRETARY VANCE AGREED IN MOSCOW TO INCLUDE A PROVISION IN
THE SALT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD LIMIT FUTURE U.S. COOPERA-
TION ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES?

ANSWER: WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF WHAT
TRANSPIRED IN MOSCOW ON SALT. WE HAVE CONSULTED INTENSIVELY

AND FRUITFULLY WITH OUR ALLIES ON THIS, AS ON ALL OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. OUR POLICY HAS REFLECTED AND WILL CONTINUE TO REFLECT THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON ALLIANCE INTERESTS.

3. QUESTION: WILL THE U.S. TRANSFER CRUISE MISSILES TO THE ALLIES?

ANSWER: WE WILL NOT DISCUSS HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO ALLIANCE COOPERATION. END TEXT

4. IF POSTS RECEIVE PRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, THEY SHOULD RESPOND ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS FROM ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, POSTS SHOULD DRAW ON U.S. APRIL 5 NAC REPORT (REF A) AND APRIL 24 NAC BRIEFING (REF B) AND INDICATE THAT,

IN THE INTERESTS OF AVOIDING OPEN CONTROVERSY WHICH COULD EVOKE AN UNHELPFUL SOVIET REACTION, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO GO BEYOND THIS LINE IN PUBLIC.

6. FYI: QUESTION DID RPT DID COME UP AT MAY 2 PRESS BRIEFING. VANCE

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